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ICAO ASSEMBLY/DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE -- AUGUST 30

PLEASE PASS TO: LITTELL/CAB/ DRISCOLL/DOT; STEWART/FAA

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. WITH ICAO COUNCIL PERESIDENT BINAGHI STILL IN CHAIR,
FIFTH PLENARY MEETING OF ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED AGENDA ITEM 2,
DIVERSION AND SEIZURE BY ISRAELI MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF A LEBANESE
CIVIL AIRCRAFT. LEBANON INTRODUCED RESOLUTION (ROME 8809
WITH EDITORIAL CHANGE IN FINAL CLAUSE MOVING QTE AGAINST
ISRAEL UNQTE SO AS TO FOLLOW QTE FURTHER MEASURES UNQTE.)
PRESENTED BY 32 ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES, GIVING DETAILS
OF AUGUST 10 INCIDENT AND STATING IT VIOLATED BOTH SPIRIT
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AND LETTER OF CHICAGO CONVENTION (ARTICLES 1, 3 AND 44)

AND REFERRED TO PREVIOUS UN AND ICAO RESOLUTIONS. EGYPT REITERATED LEBANON'S STATEMENT AND IN ADDITION SAID INCIDENT CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HISTORY OF CIVIL AVIATION. EGYPT ASKED FOR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION.

2. ISRAEL REGRETTED THAT ICAO AS HIGHLY TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION HAD TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL DEBATE AND THEN PROCEEDED TO RELATE IN DETAIL OTHER INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, USING NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS AND COUNTRIES DESPITE BINAGHI'S REQUEST THAT IT NOT DO SO. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES RAISED POINT OF ORDER REQUESTING OFFENSIVE STATEMENTS BE DELETED FROM RECORD SO IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO REFUTE THEM. BINAGHI CALLED FOR COFFEE BREAK TO COOL HEATED MEETING. FOLLOWING BREAK, ISRAEL FINALLY CONFINED ITS SPEECH TO INCIDENT IN QUESTION JUSTIFYING IT ON BASIS OF ATHENS AIRPORT INCIDENT AND OTHER RECENT UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION.

3. FRANCE, SYRIA, QATAR, UK, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA, BELGIUM, BAHRAIN, PAKISTAN, BULGARIA, USSR, US, INDIA, INDONESIA, LIBYA, CONGO, ITWF, CANADA, MOROCCO, SENEGAL, KENYA, IRAQ, SPAIN, TUNISIA, BANGLADESH, ARGENTINA, URAGUAY, SAUDI ARABIA, SRI LANKA, JAMAICA, UGANDA, BRAZIL, SINGAPORE, SUDAN, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA AND CHILE ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. UK, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CHILE AND A FEW OTHERS STATED THAT THEIR VOTE WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ANY SPECIFIC ASSEMBLY ACTION IN UNFORESEEABLE FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES, AS DID US. ONLY BOLIVIA AND ITALY SAID THEY WOULD LIKE CHANGES IN THE RESOLUTION AND A DELAY IN THE VOTE. IRELAND SAID IT WOULD ABSTAIN BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH AND THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD MAKE A SOLEMN DECLARATION THAT ICAO WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY STATE THAT ENGAGES IN UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH CIVIL AVIATION. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, EGYPT MADE A SPEECH MENTIONING A LONG LIST OF SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY ISRAEL. THE ROLL-CALL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION, REQUESTED BY LEBANON, WAS 87 (US) - 1 (ISRAEL) - 4 (IRELAND PLUS BOLIVIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND, WHICH UNSTRUCTED).

4. AFTER INTERIM REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, DIALLO,
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ICAO COUNCIL MEMBER OF SENEGAL, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY. DELEGATES OF PANAMA, BULGARIA, PAKISTAN AND TURKEY ELECTED FIRST, SECOND, THIED AND FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENTS RESPECTIVELY. IT WAS AGREED THAT DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONTINUE TO MEET ON ALTERNATING DAYS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT END OF NEXT WEEK.

5. EB/OA/AVP PLS PASS ATA AND ALPA (JACK BAVIS).

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